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COUNCIL FOR THE BOROUGH OF DUNMORE

HELD:

Monday, February 13th, 2017

TIME:

7:00 P.M.

LOCATION:

DUNMORE COMMUNITY CENTER  
1414 Monroe Avenue  
Dunmore, Pennsylvania

C O U N C I L M E M B E R S :

MICHAEL MCHALE, President

MICHAEL DEMPSEY, Vice President

TIMOTHY BURKE

CAROL SCRIMALLI - absent

THOMAS HALLINAN

VINCE AMICO

SAL VERRASTRO

THOMAS P. CUMMINGS, Esquire, Solicitor

MARIA McCOOL, RPR  
OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER

1 (Pledge of Allegiance.)

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3 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mrs. Scrimalli.

4 Mr. Burke.

5 MR. BURKE: Present.

6 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Verrastro.

7 MR. VERRASTRO: Present.

8 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Amico.

9 MR. AMICO: Present.

10 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Dempsey.

11 MR. DEMPSEY: Present.

12 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Hallinan.

13 MR. HALLINAN: Here.

14 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. McHale.

15 MR. MCHALE: Here.

16 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Public comment on  
17 agenda items.

18 MR. MCHALE: Anybody like to address  
19 any agenda items tonight?

20 (No response.)

21 MR. MCHALE: Seeing none.

22 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Motion to approve  
23 the minutes.

24 MR. BURKE: I'll make a motion.

25 MR. DEMPSEY: Second.

1 MR. MCHALE: I have a motion and a  
2 second. On the question.

3 (No response.)

4 MR. MCHALE: All those in favor  
5 signify by saying aye.

6 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

7 MR. MCHALE: Opposed?

8 (No response.)

9 MR. MCHALE: The ayes have it and so  
10 moved.

11 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Motion to approve  
12 and pay the open bills.

13 MR. VERRASTRO: I'll make that  
14 motion.

15 MR. BURKE: Second.

16 MR. MCHALE: I have a motion and a  
17 second. On the question.

18 (No response.)

19 MR. MCHALE: All those in favor  
20 signify by saying aye.

21 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

22 MR. MCHALE: Opposed?

23 (No response.)

24 MR. MCHALE: The ayes have it and so  
25 moved.

1                   ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item number six is  
2 a presentation by Pennsylvania Ambulance.

3                   MR. MCHALE: Do you want to handle  
4 it?

5                   MR. RUGGIERO: I want to introduce  
6 Mike McCormick from Pennsylvania Ambulance.  
7 They were so nice and kind enough to -- they  
8 are going to donate 2 ADDs to the Borough of  
9 Dunmore. As some people may know, we already  
10 have four or five down at the Community Center.

11                   So at the Borough's discretion,  
12 Pennsylvania Ambulance is giving us these to  
13 utilize at our discretion. We'll probably  
14 place one or both here at the Borough Building  
15 for now. Mike, do you want to present them to  
16 Council?

17                   MR. MCCORMICK: Sure.

18                   MR. MCHALE: Thank you, sir.

19                   MR. MCCORMICK: And, members of  
20 Council, these two units are ready to go. Any  
21 servicing, any battery updates will be provided  
22 by Pennsylvania Ambulance as well as training.  
23 Wherever you see fit to deploy these two units,  
24 we'll be glad to come up and schedule training,  
25 anyone who needs CPR training or CPR

1 certification we can do that. I could schedule  
2 that through Vito.

3 ALL MEMBERS: Thank you.

4 MR. MCHALE: Thank you. We really  
5 appreciate it.

6 MR. RUGGIERO: Thank you.

7 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item number 7 is  
8 personnel matters.

9 MR. MCHALE: Do we have any  
10 personnel matters this evening?

11 MR. HALLINAN: Yeah, I'm sorry.  
12 Yes, I'd like to have a motion to accept  
13 ex-trooper -- retired trooper James Seamon as a  
14 part-time police officer with the Dunmore  
15 Borough to be used as needed.

16 MR. DEMPSEY: I'll second that  
17 motion.

18 MR. MCHALE: I have a motion and a  
19 second. On the question.

20 (No response.)

21 MR. MCHALE: All those in favor  
22 signify by saying aye.

23 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

24 MR. MCHALE: Opposed?

25 (No response.)

1 MR. MCHALE: The ayes have it and so  
2 moved.

3 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item number eight  
4 is a motion to approve the 2016 AG-385 Form  
5 showing a 99 percent Paid Protection, 1 percent  
6 Volunteer Protection for fire protection for  
7 the Borough of Dunmore.

8 MR. DEMPSEY: I'll make that motion.

9 MR. BURKE: Second.

10 MR. MCHALE: I have a motion and a  
11 second. On the question.

12 (No response.)

13 MR. MCHALE: All those in favor  
14 signify by saying aye.

15 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

16 MR. MCHALE: Opposed?

17 (No response.)

18 MR. MCHALE: The ayes have it and so  
19 moved.

20 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item number nine is  
21 a motion to approve the purchase of one  
22 VERTICAL Summit IP Telephone System configured  
23 with 12 lines and 24 stations. This purchase  
24 will include 18 P/N VS 9030, 30 button speak  
25 phones for the Borough Building, Fire, and

1 Police Departments.

2 The purchase includes installation,  
3 programing, and a two year warranty on parts  
4 and labor. The purchase price will not exceed  
5 \$10,000.00.

6 MR. MCHALE: I'll look for a motion.

7 MR. VERRASTRO: I'll make that  
8 motion.

9 MR. AMICO: I'll second it.

10 MR. MCHALE: I have a motion and a  
11 second. On the question. Just for the  
12 audience, this is to upgrade all of our phones  
13 and obviously in the line of business both our  
14 fire and police are in and our office for that  
15 sake, we have the most antiquated phones that  
16 you could probably could imagine. So this is  
17 well needed and long overdue. Anybody else on  
18 the question?

19 (No response.)

20 MR. MCHALE: All those in favor  
21 signify by saying aye.

22 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

23 MR. MCHALE: Opposed?

24 (No response.)

25 MR. MCHALE: The ayes have it and so

1 moved.

2 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item number is 10  
3 is a motion to appoint Michael A. Dempsey,  
4 Esquire, Dunmore Borough Council Vice President  
5 as Dunmore's representative for the Scranton  
6 Sewer Authority Board.

7 MR. MCHALE: I'll look for a motion.

8 MR. VERRASTRO: I'll make that  
9 motion.

10 MR. AMICO: I'll second it.

11 MR. MCHALE: I have a motion and a  
12 second. On the question.

13 MR. BURKE: On the question, nothing  
14 against, Mike, I was just going to vote no on  
15 this just for the reason I thought I would  
16 rather vote outside of the Council. That is  
17 nothing against Mike because I would put any  
18 one of these guys on the board as Mike McHale  
19 did a good job. I know Mike Dempsey would too.  
20 But I just wanted to go in a different  
21 direction. That's all.

22 MR. MCHALE: Anybody else on the  
23 question?

24 (No response.)

25 MR. MCHALE: All those in favor

1                   signify by saying aye.

2                   MR. AMICO: Aye.

3                   MR. HALLINAN: Aye.

4                   MR. MCHALE: Aye.

5                   MR. VERRASTRO: Aye.

6                   MR. MCHALE: Opposed?

7                   MR. BURKE: Opposed.

8                   MR. DEMPSEY: Abstain.

9                   MR. MCHALE: 4, 1, 1, Tom.

10                  ATTY. CUMMINGS: Got it. Item  
11                  number 11 is a motion to appoint Murphy,  
12                  Dougherty & Company, Certified Public  
13                  Accountants, Moscow, PA as the Borough Auditor  
14                  for a period of three years. The proposed  
15                  audit fees are as followed: 2016 - \$17,925;  
16                  2017 - \$18,425; and 2018 - \$18,925. Just for  
17                  clarification, the years are correct. It would  
18                  be the following year that the audit was  
19                  performed for the prior year with the date and  
20                  the amount.

21                  MR. DEMPSEY: I'll make that motion.

22                  MR. BURKE: Second it.

23                  MR. MCHALE: I have a motion and a  
24                  second. On the question.

25                  (No response.)

1 MR. MCHALE: All those in favor  
2 signify by saying aye.

3 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

4 MR. MCHALE: Opposed?

5 (No response.)

6 MR. MCHALE: The ayes have it and so  
7 moved.

8 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item number 12 is a  
9 motion to advertise for applications for the  
10 Dunmore Zoning and Dunmore Planning Boards to  
11 fill expired terms. All interested residents,  
12 including current members of the Board are  
13 encouraged to apply.

14 MR. MCHALE: I'll look for a motion.

15 MR. AMICO: I'll make that motion.

16 MR. DEMPSEY: Second.

17 MR. MCHALE: I have a motion and a  
18 second. On the question. Just quickly on the  
19 question, this is brought up by Mr. Amico,  
20 which I think everybody on Council agrees with.  
21 We haven't filled a lot of zoning and planning  
22 boards with other than the current members  
23 which we do appreciate and ask them to reapply  
24 as well.

25 But we kind of want to open up to

1           everybody, all the taxpayers in the town and  
2           see if anybody would be interested in serving.  
3           And we'll fill the boards -- the expired terms  
4           in that regard. So I think everybody on  
5           Council appreciates the idea by Mr. Amico.

6                     MR. MCHALE: Anybody else on the  
7           question?

8                     (No response.)

9                     MR. MCHALE: All those in favor  
10          signify by saying aye.

11                    ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

12                    MR. MCHALE: Opposed?

13                    (No response.)

14                    MR. MCHALE: The ayes have it and so  
15          moved.

16                    ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item number 13 is a  
17          motion to advertise for an RFP that would be a  
18          Request for Proposal regarding the Dunmore  
19          Borough Building Security Updates. This  
20          project will include installation of new doors,  
21          including steel frames, collection windows, and  
22          a wireless keypad/badge door access control  
23          system and associated hardware.

24                    MR. MCHALE: I'll look for a motion.

25                    MR. HALLINAN: I'll make that

1 motion.

2 MR. MCHALE: I have a motion. Do I  
3 have a second?

4 MR. BURKE: Second.

5 MR. MCHALE: On the question.

6 MR. HALLINAN: On the question, just  
7 so everybody knows that there's been a few  
8 incidents where our office staff and what's  
9 going on more and more in this world today they  
10 are not feeling safe behind our little flimsy  
11 doors and windows.

12 So we're just going to look to make  
13 the place more safely for our employees which  
14 handle cash all day long and I think it's about  
15 time we're doing this. Thank you, Mr. McHale.

16 MR. MCHALE: Anybody else on the  
17 question?

18 (No response.)

19 MR. MCHALE: All those in favor  
20 signify by saying aye.

21 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

22 MR. MCHALE: Opposed?

23 (No response.)

24 MR. MCHALE: The ayes have it and so  
25 moved.

1                   ATTY. CUMMINGS: Number 14 is public  
2                   comment on other items.

3                   MR. MCHALE: Anybody like to address  
4                   Council tonight? If you could, just please  
5                   stand and state your name for the record. We  
6                   don't have a podium tonight. So if you just  
7                   stand and state your full name I'd appreciate  
8                   it.

9                   MS. CUFF: Sharon Cuff, 315 Spring  
10                  Street. First off, I was just wondering how do  
11                  you go about applying for the positions like is  
12                  there --

13                  MR. MCHALE: That's a good question,  
14                  Mrs. Cuff. I think probably we'll ask for a  
15                  letter of interest. We'll put it out onto the  
16                  website and Facebook. And we'll accept letters  
17                  of interest both here and electronically.  
18                  We'll set up something on line. Is that what  
19                  you have in mind too?

20                  MR. AMICO: Yeah, one thing I think  
21                  we should mention is do we have an end date as  
22                  to when we are accepting? We need to come up  
23                  with a date, whatever is proper. I'm new to  
24                  this too. I don't know the exact procedure.

25                  MR. MCHALE: Tom, do you have --

1                   ATTY. CUMMINGS: You can take them  
2 up until the time of appointment. If you would  
3 rather avoid confusion you could set a date  
4 certain prior to the meeting.

5                   MR. MCHALE: Your thoughts, Vince?

6                   MR. AMICO: I think we should have  
7 an end date, whatever --

8                   MR. DEMPSEY: I agree.

9                   MR. AMICO: Two weeks, four weeks,  
10 whatever we all agree upon, whatever you guys  
11 think.

12                  MR. DEMPSEY: Are you going to do it  
13 for the March meeting?

14                  MR. MCHALE: That's what I was  
15 thinking too. So do you want to say -- so we  
16 can put them out to everybody, February 28th.

17                  MR. AMICO: That's fine.

18                  MR. MCHALE: We'll put it onto  
19 February 28th to accept until that point.

20                  MS. CUFF: To accept until February  
21 28th?

22                  MR. MCHALE: Yes.

23                  MS. CUFF: So that's just two weeks.  
24 Do you think that's long enough to get word out  
25 to the public?

1 MR. DEMPSEY: Yeah, we want to  
2 appoint in two weeks in March so we'll take  
3 applications for two weeks and go through them.

4 MS. CUFF: There will be like maybe  
5 a form on the website to fill out or something  
6 online?

7 MR. MCHALE: We can. We can put  
8 something together or just a letter of  
9 interest --

10 MR. DEMPSEY: A letter of interest  
11 or resume.

12 MR. MCHALE: Yeah.

13 MS. CUFF: Okay. And the other  
14 question I have, I was wondering if Council  
15 received a notice of violation dated January  
16 26th, 2017, from Pennsylvania Department of  
17 Environmental Protection related to the  
18 Keystone Sanitary Landfill.

19 MR. MCHALE: I have not. Vito?

20 MR. RUGGIERO: No, not to my  
21 knowledge. What was that date, Sharon?

22 MS. CUFF: So it's January 26th,  
23 2017, is the date of the letter. The letter is  
24 regarding the October 1st leachate spill that I  
25 think we had talked about on a few occasions.

1           So the letter says on or about -- I'm just  
2           going to summarize -- October 1st, 2016, a  
3           discharge of approximately 7,019 gallons of  
4           treated leachate -- treated landfill leachate  
5           effluent leaked from a drywell at the facility.

6                     An undetermined portion of this  
7           landfill leachate discharged to waters of the  
8           Commonwealth, storm water channel to Eddy Creek  
9           in violation of 25 PA Code 92a.1. This code  
10          provides a person may not discharge pollutants  
11          from a point source into surface waters except  
12          as authorized under NPDES permit.

13                    Please be advised that discharging  
14          industrial waste without a permit is violation  
15          of Section 301 of the Clean Streams Law of  
16          Pennsylvania and subjects Keystone Sanitary  
17          Landfill to appropriate enforcement action  
18          including but not limited to civil penalty  
19          assessment. And it just goes on.

20                    So my concern is we've gone over  
21          this a few times with DEP. I know, I, myself  
22          have spoken to them. Council has spoken to  
23          them about this whole issue of not receiving  
24          these notice of violations.

25                    I'll take it a step further and let

1           you know regarding the Clean Air Act violation  
2           that we've been talking about too when I've  
3           been here, I had a lengthy telephone  
4           conversation January 23rd with the air quality  
5           department and kind of straightened out a  
6           little bit of it in the sense that that  
7           November 30th violation truly was just an error  
8           in the database when it just recorded the March  
9           violation twice.

10                        So we have confirmed there was only  
11           one violation. And was it administrative in  
12           nature, which by that it still was considered a  
13           high priority because it was a compliance issue  
14           so even though it was regarding paperwork,  
15           paperwork is very important because you have to  
16           show you are in compliance.

17                        So we got it down to one date of the  
18           violation. So I took it a bit further and I  
19           asked if they are required to notify Borough  
20           Councils of this Clean Air Act violation. As  
21           it turns out, nobody has to be notified for a  
22           Clean Air Act violation.

23                        But because it falls under the  
24           Municipal Waste Regulations, they are required.  
25           So they have now changed everything with DEP.

1           Everybody was aware. They said they should  
2           have sent you guys a notice in March. They did  
3           not.

4                        They were going to send that one and  
5           then regarding to also send the notice of  
6           violation from April because I told them you  
7           still had not received that even though we've  
8           talked about it and so they said then they were  
9           sending both of those.

10                      And that this at that point this  
11           violation was not completed. But yes, in fact,  
12           Council would get it. So I guess I just wanted  
13           to let everybody know that I think it's clear  
14           for some reason you're not getting these notice  
15           of violations.

16                      MR. DEMPSEY: Are we CCd on that one  
17           too?

18                      MS. CUFF: Yep. I'm sure you are.  
19           I have a copy. I'll give you guys that one.  
20           Yep, Dunmore Borough and Throop Borough.

21                      MR. RUGGIERO: Sharon, I'll contact  
22           DEP tomorrow. And I don't know why they refuse  
23           to send them electronically read receipt  
24           requested and we can abolish all of this  
25           paperwork stuff. But I will contact them

1 tomorrow and ask them again.

2 MS. CUFF: Okay. Yeah, I agree. I  
3 really -- I can't understand --

4 MR. DEMPSEY: Vito, maybe send a  
5 letter that we formally request to be  
6 notified.

7 MR. RUGGIERO: Yeah, I will contact  
8 them.

9 MS. CUFF: Well, I think that was  
10 discussed sending the letter with our  
11 letterhead before. So I guess, you know,  
12 follow up with that. The other -- if I can  
13 address you directly?

14 MR. RUGGIERO: Yeah.

15 MS. CUFF: One of the other issues  
16 that was talked about in the December meeting  
17 when I was here, a gentleman got up and he  
18 spoke about the problem with -- near his car  
19 wash that he owned with the mud and all of  
20 that. I know at that time I think, Vito, you  
21 were supposed to go up and have a conversation.

22 MR. RUGGIERO: We've had a few  
23 conversations with Mr. Edwards from G&S car  
24 wash. The end result is he wanted to request a  
25 traffic light there to reroute the traffic. I

1 did send a letter on behalf of Borough Council  
2 to PennDOT with no avail.

3 And I believe they said that that  
4 was visited many times before. There was a  
5 Golden Corral I believe was the food chain that  
6 was going to put up there and they wanted a  
7 light and the study didn't show that it was  
8 warranted. So that letter was sent back in  
9 December.

10 MS. CUFF: Okay. So that letter was  
11 sent to?

12 MR. RUGGIERO: PennDOT.

13 MS. CUFF: Okay. But regarding -- I  
14 think the minutes from that meeting were  
15 talking about you going up to talk to Mr.  
16 O'Brien about the issue.

17 MR. RUGGIERO: Oh, I did talk to Mr.  
18 O'Brien. He's aware of Mr. Edwards' complaints  
19 from the mud.

20 MS. CUFF: Okay. I'm only asking  
21 because I went and got my car washed and took  
22 notice of this lovely little sign.

23 MR. RUGGIERO: That was authored by  
24 Mr. Edwards, I believe.

25 MS. CUFF: Right. I'm sure it was.

1 But I felt very sorry for the owner of that car  
2 wash because he really shouldn't have to have  
3 that. And that was a while after the last  
4 meeting so I kind of just wanted to ask about  
5 that again. And other than that, I think  
6 that's about it.

7 So if Council again could please  
8 just follow up with DEP just like I do and make  
9 sure because there is no way you guys can act  
10 on anything if you're not made aware.

11 MR. BURKE: Sharon, would you be  
12 able to give that letter for Vito so he could  
13 make a copy for all Council?

14 MS. CUFF: Yep, I have.

15 MR. MCHALE: Thank you, Mrs. Cuff.

16 MS. CUFF: Yep.

17 MR. MCHALE: Mr. McGraw, you could  
18 sit down she said if it's more comfortable.

19 MR. MCGRAW: Jim McGraw, Delaware  
20 Street, question in regards to PennDOT. It  
21 seems to come up every month there is who is  
22 responsible for -- do the sidewalk that they  
23 temporarily put in at Rite Aid? They put about  
24 a 3 foot walk in that's blacktop.

25 And I would assume that Rite Aid,

1           it's not theirs. And it's a part of the  
2           PennDOT project that PennDOT, the contractor or  
3           somebody should have to clean it. And I'm  
4           bringing it up tonight because, you know, it  
5           might snow next week or next month and nobody  
6           seems to know who is supposed to clean it.

7                     MR. HALLINAN: I would imagine Rite  
8           Aid is still in charge of that.

9                     MR. MCHALE: Technically your  
10          sidewalk in front of your house technically  
11          is --

12                    MR. MCGRAW: Well, I've called  
13          PennDOT. And the problem that I see is you  
14          have four corners there. And the four corners  
15          you can't walk on. You come down on the right  
16          side. You have construction right on the  
17          corner that's been there for three, four months  
18          and you go across.

19                    And then a couple of them, they're  
20          plowing their driveway -- or parking lots  
21          right into the sidewalk that there's no way  
22          for, you know, there are people that don't have  
23          automobiles that want to access the drug store  
24          or go the cleaners and nobody seems to know.

25                    MR. HALLINAN: Yeah, Joe, would you

1 talk to Rite Aid tomorrow morning, please?

2 MR. LORINCE: I will.

3 MR. HALLINAN: Thank you very much.

4 MR. MCGRAW: Then the potholes, you  
5 know, there's a joke around that they are  
6 filling them with snow, you know, and that's  
7 about it. Every time you go up and down  
8 Blakely Street, you lose the front end.

9 MR. MCHALE: Mr. McGraw --

10 MR. MCGRAW: I know you can't  
11 resolve --

12 MR. MCHALE: No, no, to that end, I  
13 think all of us have felt -- literally felt the  
14 pain of Blakely Street the past couple weeks.  
15 And, Didge, was it Saturday or Sunday that I  
16 called Didge. I had several calls about right  
17 across from Cal-Ideas was -- you could put a  
18 body in there.

19 And Didge we had to call in our guys  
20 on a state road because we couldn't get in  
21 touch with anybody, two tons --

22 MR. JUDGE: Two tons.

23 MR. MCHALE: Two tons of cold patch  
24 he had to put in. And we had to pay overtime.  
25 So Mr. Ruggiero sent a letter to PennDOT today

1           demanding to be reimbursed for all their time  
2           and our stuff. It's -- we're up to here with  
3           it as well.

4                         It's terrible in front of Cal-Ideas  
5           but there is 20 other places all the way up to  
6           Burger King and past that are just as bad and  
7           we're not getting answers. So I know Joe has  
8           been yelling as much as he can. Now, Vito also  
9           is as well. Didge meets with guys. We're  
10          going to keep yelling. I promise you that.

11                        And Rite Aid is horrible, horrible.  
12          And it's been like that for months. I've never  
13          seen a project take so long in my life. But  
14          we're going to keep on top of it.

15                        MR. MCGRAW: The second question  
16          that I asked PennDOT, what's the criteria for a  
17          contractor to come in and do this work. There  
18          seems to be about a dozen. I said, one should  
19          be they should have a broom to start with and a  
20          shovel because it appears to me that at 4:00  
21          they just leave it any way they want.

22                        If there's stone on it, dirt, mud,  
23          whatever, and if it's supposed to be a  
24          sidewalk, it should at least be swept, you  
25          know, it's they're responsible and the

1 contractor to clean it up.

2 And you had the crosswalk at the  
3 Dunmore Corners. It's loaded with pebbles from  
4 one of their potholes. And I don't think it's  
5 incumbent on the Borough to have DPW do  
6 PennDOT's work or the subcontractor.

7 MR. MCHALE: We agree, yeah. This  
8 weekend -- Didge when he got there he said it  
9 was terrible. I mean, literally we could have  
10 lost a front end.

11 MR. MCGRAW: I see Mr. May on TV  
12 quite often with PennDOT. I suggest that he  
13 take a picture along side one of our grand  
14 canyons on the roadway. And, you know, maybe  
15 somebody will give us a little more attention  
16 on Blakely Street. And once the weather  
17 breaks --

18 MR. MCHALE: You hope.

19 MR. MCGRAW: Yeah, we're hoping for  
20 a miracle. But that's it.

21 MR. MCHALE: We'll keep on top of  
22 it. I promise.

23 MR. HALLINAN: Joe, can you get a  
24 timetable on anything when they plan on  
25 starting up and when they move forward with

1           this, please?

2                   MR. LORINCE: I will call them  
3 tomorrow and ask them when's the next --

4                   MR. MCHALE: Anybody else like to  
5 address Council tonight?

6                   MS. O'DONNELL: Kristen Dempsey  
7 O'Donnell, I'm here tonight representing  
8 Dempsey Uniform and Linen. I had presented an  
9 agreement to Mr. Ruggiero. And I was just  
10 hoping that you guys might be voting on that  
11 tonight so that I could start to get some  
12 savings through for the Borough under that new  
13 agreement.

14                   MR. MCHALE: To be honest with you,  
15 that's not on our agenda for tonight. I don't  
16 think anybody had a chance to read all the  
17 documentation you sent. But we were very  
18 pleased that -- the reduction that was given in  
19 the contract.

20                   I had a few questions, the length  
21 of the contract to me was a little long. But  
22 I'm one person. I don't think we as a group  
23 had a chance to discuss but that's up to the  
24 group.

25                   MR. DEMPSEY: We didn't have an

1 executive session prior to this meeting.

2 MS. O'DONNELL: I did try to make  
3 sure that it came, you know, plenty of time  
4 beforehand. I know Vito is pretty good about  
5 sending everything out right away. I'm happy  
6 to answer any questions you have tonight. But,  
7 you know, given the -- given what happened over  
8 the community center, you know, I do feel a  
9 great uncertainty about my other accounts.

10 And so that's why I presented the  
11 documents to Vito hoping that -- the savings to  
12 the Borough and knowing that you would not have  
13 any concern about any claims or anything going  
14 forward that you would be able to vote on that  
15 tonight so that I had the certainty going  
16 forward of the status of our services.

17 MR. HALLINAN: Kristen, in all  
18 honesty, I was there at the meeting with Vito  
19 and you. And it was a great presentation. If  
20 anybody dropped the ball, Vito sent everything  
21 out to everybody. And I would say that it was  
22 probably my fault not asking for an executive  
23 session to talk about it.

24 So, I'm sorry, I apologize for that.  
25 I think it's a great deal for the Borough.

1           It's a 30 percent cut you were talking about,  
2           new mats and everything like that. And you  
3           were more than accommodating to the Borough.  
4           But again, I never asked for an executive  
5           session on that. So if there is anybody going  
6           to take the blame, it will be me. I'm sorry  
7           for that.

8                        MS. O'DONNELL: I'd be happy to  
9           answer any questions, you know, it just seems  
10          like it would be a long time to get around to  
11          it again.

12                       MR. MCHALE: We have a meeting in  
13          two weeks.

14                       MS. O'DONNELL: Yeah, still. Is  
15          there anything that I could answer for you  
16          tonight that would bring it able to --

17                       MR. MCHALE: Would you take your  
18          contract down from five years?

19                       MS. O'DONNELL: What I had it was  
20          for the remainder of the term that it --

21                       MR. MCHALE: Well, we didn't think  
22          that the term rolled over. I mean, I don't  
23          want to talk about a contract. We had advice  
24          that it didn't roll over. And that's where you  
25          come with the claims on, you know, you won't

1           have claims on the community center. Well, we  
2           had our advice too. I'm not -- I'm just -- you  
3           asked for questions.

4                   MS. O'DONNELL: No, which I think is  
5           fair enough. I think it's something that had  
6           always been done. I think you guys were fine  
7           with doing a longer term contract with Cintas,  
8           somebody you weren't even familiar with. And  
9           I'm not asking for that much longer than them,  
10          really the same term that you had always done  
11          with us before, a little bit less.

12                   MR. MCHALE: Again, I'm going to  
13          speak for myself. I would rather sit and talk  
14          as a group before we come to a decision. It's  
15          only two weeks away. I'm appreciative you were  
16          very aggressive on the pricing. And we've  
17          always been happy with your service. But it's  
18          my opinion that we meet. But again, one  
19          person.

20                   MS. O'DONNELL: It didn't seem like  
21          anybody else had any concerns with it. I would  
22          be happy to answer anything they had.

23                   MR. DEMPSEY: I don't have any  
24          questions.

25                   MR. HALLINAN: I thought it was a

1           wonderful presentation.

2                   MS. O'DONNELL: So would anybody  
3 feel comfortable voting on it tonight so that  
4 we can be able to put that savings through?

5                   MR. DEMPSEY: I would rather wait  
6 until next meeting until we have a chance to  
7 talk about it. It's only two weeks away and we  
8 can have it on the agenda if everybody agrees  
9 in two weeks.

10                  MR. VERRASTRO: I'm comfortable with  
11 that as well.

12                  MR. BURKE: I will make a motion to  
13 put it on the agenda because we didn't have it.  
14 Nobody in the audience didn't have time to  
15 review it either not being on the agenda. I'm  
16 fine with the contract, I'll tell you that.  
17 I'm just saying to make it legal, put it on the  
18 agenda. That way the audience can speak on it  
19 too. But it will be officially on the agenda.

20                  MR. MCHALE: Anything else, Miss  
21 Dempsey?

22                  MS. O'DONNELL: That's it.

23                  MR. MCHALE: Anybody else like to  
24 address Council?

25                  MS. ZANGARDI: Beth McDonald

1           Zangardi. I'm not good at public speaking.  
2           But I would like to ask Council to consider  
3           sponsoring a Heroin Hits Home Program at a  
4           Council meeting in the future. The state and  
5           the county District Attorney's Office is doing  
6           presentations throughout the county.

7                     And I would like to see if Dunmore  
8           Council would consider having one at a Council  
9           meeting or at the community center.

10                    MR. BURKE: I would definitely be  
11           interested at the community center where we can  
12           hold more people obviously.

13                    MR. DEMPSEY: I know Shane Scanlon  
14           very well. I would be happy to call him and  
15           ask him if he would be interested in -- I think  
16           that's who you are referring to.

17                    MS. ZANGARDI: Right. Right. Well,  
18           actually I called them and asked them if they  
19           would be interested and then they asked me to  
20           come here and present it to you and, you know,  
21           go from there.

22                    MR. DEMPSEY: I don't see a problem  
23           with that. I'd be happy to do that.

24                    MR. VERRASTRO: I think it's a great  
25           idea.

1 MR. DEMPSEY: Do you want to give me  
2 your phone number before you leave and I'll  
3 contact you and let you know how we make out?

4 MS. ZANGARDI: Great. Perfect.  
5 Thank you.

6 MR. DEMPSEY: Sure.

7 MR. MCHALE: Thank you.

8 MS. ZANGARDI: And the other thing  
9 is, I'm currently on the Planning Commission.  
10 And I would like to stay. Do you think I  
11 should reapply?

12 MR. MCHALE: Absolutely.

13 MS. ZANGARDI: All right. Thank  
14 you.

15 MR. MCHALE: Thank you. Anybody  
16 else tonight?

17 MS. CUFF: Can I just say --

18 MR. MCHALE: If it's quick.

19 MS. CUFF: Just to follow up with  
20 Beth, I went to one of the presentations. They  
21 did a terrific job. It was very, very good.  
22 And one of things on my list that I forgot to  
23 bring up had to do with that.

24 And it was just to something that  
25 they talked about at that was that the fire

1 trucks -- a lot of the fire trucks now are  
2 carrying, you know, the over dose medication  
3 Narcan. I was wondering our fire department  
4 had it on the trucks.

5 CHIEF DENAPLES: To answer that  
6 question, the police department does. Captain  
7 Rinaldi is our person who takes care of our EMS  
8 portion of it. He's been actively trying over  
9 the last six months to get Narcan and that  
10 depends on the -- he hasn't reached a lot of  
11 success.

12 As a matter of fact, I actually --  
13 he asked me about it today. I actually put a  
14 call into the District Attorney's Office. I  
15 didn't get a return call back. So I was  
16 actually going to ask Attorney Dempsey --

17 MR. DEMPSEY: Can you see me after  
18 this?

19 CHIEF DENAPLES: Yeah, absolutely.

20 MR. HALLINAN: Chief, they are on  
21 the ambulances.

22 CHIEF DENAPLES: They are on the  
23 ambulances and the police department has them  
24 on each police vehicle. We have been trying to  
25 for about six months now.

1 MR. MCHALE: It would make more  
2 sense that you would have them.

3 CHIEF DENAPLES: Absolutely.  
4 Scranton actually -- Scranton fire was just  
5 presented with them I saw that in the paper  
6 maybe about a month ago. So we've been trying.

7 MR. MCHALE: Anybody else?

8 (No response.)

9 MR. MCHALE: Seeing none.

10 ATTY. CUMMINGS: Public officials.

11 MR. MCHALE: Chief, do you have  
12 anything else?

13 CHIEF DENAPLES: The only other  
14 thing I wanted to say is that we were awarded  
15 the State Fire Commissioners grant. Last week  
16 we got the award. It was \$14,940. That's  
17 going to cover upgrading some equipment as well  
18 as pay the cost for the elevator operations  
19 class, rescue operations class we are having  
20 March 16th and 17th down at Marywood.

21 So Lieutenant Shiago applied for  
22 that. He did a great job. He put a lot of his  
23 own time into that. So I just wanted to thank  
24 him, you know, for putting all of that time  
25 into it.

1                   He also applied for the FEMA Safer  
2                   Grant which took even more time. He actually  
3                   had to go through Borough Council meeting  
4                   minutes from back in 2002 and 2001 to took up  
5                   some figures for budgets before the QuickBooks  
6                   were being operated in the Borough.

7                   So he put a lot of time into that.  
8                   So I just wanted to put that on the record.  
9                   He's been doing a lot with grants for us over  
10                  there and putting a lot of his own time into.  
11                  This paid off. We were awarded one. It's a  
12                  non matching grant. That's all I had for  
13                  tonight.

14                  MR. MCHALE: Kudos to him, Chief.  
15                  Please pass it along from all of Council.

16                  CHIEF DENAPLES: Thank you. I will.

17                  MR. MCHALE: Mr. Judge, do you have  
18                  anything tonight, buddy?

19                  MR. JUDGE: Nothing.

20                  MR. MCHALE: Mr. Lorince?

21                  MR. LORINCE: Nothing.

22                  MR. MCHALE: Quickly, I'll go first.  
23                  Two things, Mr. Dempsey, Mr. Cummings, I'm no  
24                  longer with the Sewer Authority. But prior to  
25                  my leaving, Tom will know how many times that I

1 screamed and yelled about having an accounting  
2 of the money coming in. I know Scranton has  
3 asked formally to do so.

4 I would like, you know, our Council  
5 to be on record as well to make sure that we  
6 get an accounting of every dollar that goes out  
7 from here on end. I know you're at every  
8 meeting. I know you'll be a loud voice as  
9 well. So if we can do that, I think everybody  
10 would agree with that.

11 Number two, I'd like to -- we as a  
12 Council have talked about it for quite a while.  
13 And not that I expect to use any of the money  
14 set aside from the Sewer Authority sale, but I  
15 would like to try to formalize a plan to put a  
16 paving program together.

17 Even if it's to the point where  
18 Didge and his men identify our roads and we get  
19 Mr. Ruggiero and our engineer involved where we  
20 could put a bid package out to see where we  
21 come in, whether it be, you know, different  
22 levels of where we think they need based on  
23 Didge's judgment, our engineer's judgement and  
24 try to get a plan together in the very near  
25 future.

1                   You know, I would like to put an  
2                   aggressive ending on this if we can do it  
3                   within a month. At least identify the roads  
4                   and get them to Mr. Lopatka where he can get a  
5                   bid package out and we can try to get some  
6                   numbers in by April. So if everybody is okay  
7                   with that we'll move that along as well. Mr.  
8                   Ruggiero, you'll take the lead on that?

9                   MR. RUGGIERO: Yes.

10                  MR. MCHALE: I think that's all I  
11                  have. I apologize for going first tonight.  
12                  Mr. Burke, do you want to chime in?

13                  MR. BURKE: Good luck, Mike, with  
14                  the Sewer Authority. But these are just  
15                  questions that Scranton Council asked. I guess  
16                  we deserve the same answers as they do.

17                  MR. MCHALE: Agreed.

18                  MR. BURKE: So if you can ask the  
19                  same questions.

20                  MR. DEMPSEY: I'll write the same  
21                  letter.

22                  MR. BURKE: I don't see the budget  
23                  on there for them. If you could add there that  
24                  we would like to see their budget. Didge, good  
25                  work on the streets. Chief, good work with

1 the grants.

2 CHIEF DENAPLES: Thank you.

3 MR. BURKE: And, Sharon, good work  
4 on keeping up on the landfill. Thank you for  
5 your hard work on that. That's all I have  
6 tonight.

7 MR. MCHALE: Thanks, Tim.

8 Mr. Verrastro.

9 MR. VERRASTRO: Yeah, I'd also want  
10 to say thank you to our fire and DPW. Snow  
11 removal's been fantastic. And those grants  
12 sound excellent. Thank you.

13 MR. MCHALE: That's all you got?

14 MR. VERRASTRO: Yes.

15 MR. MCHALE: Mr. Dempsey.

16 MR. DEMPSEY: Yeah, quickly, I want  
17 to -- a quick thank you to Pennsylvania  
18 Ambulance for the two defibrillators.  
19 Obviously you could never have too many of  
20 them. With regard to my appointment to the  
21 Sewer Authority, I appreciate my colleagues'  
22 confidence in me.

23 I promise you I will be a loud voice  
24 there, make sure that we get an accounting of  
25 the money. I'm glad I have Tom Cummings with

1 me. I don't think there is a lot of people  
2 that have more knowledge of that operation than  
3 Tom. So I look forward to sitting with him  
4 before the first meeting and getting up to  
5 speed.

6 Chief, you'll see me after the  
7 meeting with regard to the Narcan.

8 CHIEF DENAPLES: Absolutely.

9 MR. DEMPSEY: Didge, I called you  
10 earlier on that North Webster -- 1600. There  
11 is another one -- a worse one on the 15.

12 MR. JUDGE: You know what they are?  
13 They're all pave cuts. And we're not even  
14 supposed to do them. If you want them --

15 MR. DEMPSEY: Can you find out or  
16 Joe, whoever.

17 MR. JUDGE: They are either gas or  
18 water.

19 MR. LORINCE: The one there on the  
20 corner of Webster and Delaware Tom called me  
21 today. That's filled already.

22 MR. DEMPSEY: The one that I just  
23 hit coming here.

24 MR. JUDGE: He's talking about the  
25 1600 block, Joe.

1 MR. DEMPSEY: I thought I saw one on  
2 your block.

3 MR. HALLINAN: That's 15. The 16 I  
4 called you on this morning out at Delaware.

5 MR. LORINCE: Yeah, he fixed that  
6 today. I didn't know there was another one.

7 MR. DEMPSEY: I didn't either. I  
8 did about 6:45 I found out about it.

9 MR. LORINCE: I just want to tell  
10 you what happens with them, they fill most of  
11 the potholes up. And actually when we go out  
12 and we get snow and we get ice and we plow the  
13 streets, most of the stuff comes out of the  
14 holes and they have to go back and fill them  
15 again. That's why you get them filled and they  
16 empty, you got to go back and fill them again.

17 MR. DEMPSEY: That's all I have.

18 MR. MCHALE: Mr. Hallinan.

19 MR. HALLINAN: Just again, one of  
20 the biggest problems we have is we have a lot  
21 of streets that need paving. But also the pave  
22 cuts by these contractors are killing us. And  
23 I want to make sure that when, you know, the  
24 time comes March, April when the weather breaks  
25 that they are done correctly, filled in

1           correctly and, you know, they are taken care  
2           of. And I would love a letter sent to the  
3           companies telling them that we're waiting for  
4           them to fix them properly and not waiting until  
5           August or sometime and be put on the back  
6           burner because really, they are all over the  
7           place. They are wreaking havoc on all the  
8           travelers. That's all I have. Thank you very  
9           much.

10                       MR. AMICO: I love going last for  
11           this. I reiterate what everybody says as far  
12           as thanking your guys for their hard work.  
13           And, Mike, good luck on your new position with  
14           the Sewer Authority. You have my total  
15           confidence. I know you'll do a great job.

16                       And I would like to formally thank  
17           Mike McHale for all the hard work that he did  
18           for our Borough as far as the Sewer Authority's  
19           concerned. I think we're in a much better  
20           position than we would be if Mike and Mr.  
21           Cummings weren't there. So they have my  
22           sincere gratitude and I'm sure everybody on  
23           this Council's gratitude. So thank you very  
24           much. That's all. Thank you.

25                       MR. MCHALE: Thanks, Vince. Vito, I

1           didn't mean to skip over you.

2                   MR. RUGGIERO: No, I have nothing.

3                   MR. MCHALE: You have nothing. Tom?

4                   ATTY. CUMMINGS: Nothing, sir.

5                   MR. MCHALE: Anything else?

6                   (No response.)

7                   MR. MCHALE: I'll look for a motion

8           to adjourn.

9                   MR. BURKE: Motion.

10                  MR. DEMPSEY: Second.

11                  MR. MCHALE: I have a motion and a  
12           second. All in favor?

13                  ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

14                  MR. MCHALE: We're adjourned.

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